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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF POSSIBLE ISRAELI ATTACK ON OCTOBER 1.

1. FAHMY READ ME A REPORT LAST NIGHT FROM THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN ANKARA STATING THAT A TURKISH PROFESSOR ATUF (PHONETIC), WHO RECENTLY VISITED CAIRO BUT HAS NOW RETURNED TO ANKARA, HAS BEEN MAKING STATEMENTS THAT AMEMBASSY CAIRO OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL WILL ON OCTOBER 1 LAUNCH AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON ARABS ON ALL FRONTS. ATUF REPORTEDLY CLAIMS THAT SOMEONE IN THE TURKISH CONSULATE IN CAIRO TOLD HIM THAT ONE OF OUR OFFICERS HAD MADE SUCH A STATEMENT. I TOLD FAHMY THAT THIS WAS SHEER NONSENSE. I COULD ASSURE HIM THAT NO OFFICER OF THE US EMBASSY IN CAIRO HAD MADE ANY SUCH STATEMENT OR BELIEVES ANY SUCH STORY. FAHMY SAID HE WAS SURE THIS WAS THE CASE, BUT WANTED ME TO KNOW ABOUT THE STORY.

2. I HAVE THIS MORNING QUERIED ALL OF MY OFFICERS RE ANY RECENT CONTACTS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS IN WHICH THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE MAY HAVE BEEN

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MENTIONED. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUCH CONTACTS IN WHICH

THAT SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED. IN MY OWN RECENT MEETINGS
WITH THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR, THE SOLE SUBJECT OF
CONVERSATION HAS BEEN THE CYPRUS ISSUE. MY STAFF IS
UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID ANY SUCH
SPECULATION IN TALKS WITH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AND
I AM CONFIDENT THAT THEY ARE HONORING THOSE INSTRUCTIONS.

3. FOR ANKARA: WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY IDENTIFI-
CATION THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ABOUT
PROFESSOR ATUF.
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